

**Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology  
Board Meeting Teleconference  
September 25, 2007**

**Members** John Youngberg, Chairman

**Attending:** Marty Connell  
Jim Davison  
Michael Dolson  
Todd Graetz

**Others** Dave Desch, Executive Director

**Attending:** Jane Todd, Administrative Specialist

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Youngberg called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**II. Welcome New Board Member**

Dave Desch introduced Todd Graetz as a new Board member. Mr. Graetz stated he is a Montana native and returned to Montana in 2002 to join TransAria, Inc. He now serves as CEO of this technology firm that provides IP based communication services for businesses in Montana. He was delighted when Speaker of the House Scott Sales asked him to participate on this Board and is excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board and make a contribution to the program. Board members welcomed Todd.

**III. Approval of Minutes from 6/18/07 Board Meeting**

Chairman Youngberg asked for discussion of the minutes of the June 18, 2007, Board meeting.

**Motion:** Marty Connell moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007, Board meeting. Jim Davison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor, the motion carried.

**IV. Executive Director's Report – Project Contracts**

Dave Desch gave the Board an update on the status of the twenty-three projects funded last June. As of September 18, 2007, thirteen projects have been contracted; some funds have been disbursed; another five are in various stages of obtaining signatures; and, another three are awaiting additional information from grant recipients. Two more are pending action due to later start dates. This is typical of previous rounds of funding and there is no particular problem with any of the projects at this point.

**V. Public Comment**

In response to Jim Davison's question concerning closed-out reports, Dave stated that Final Reports are typically provided to the Board on an annual basis and will be included in the next Board packet.

There was no public comment.

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**VI. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting**

An in-person meeting was scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> in Helena. This meeting will include a discussion and formulation of a Board policy regarding HB 715. The Board expressed concerns about the clean coal and renewable research funding requirements. Another concern expressed was related to the personal liability of Board members. Dave Desch was asked to discuss these matters with Department counsel.

**Note:** Chairman Youngberg left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Youngberg, Chairman